

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER CUTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether power cuts in the largest single cause of data loss accounting for some 43% of all problems on the computer use;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have any time bound plans to improve and rectify this highly wasteful state of affairs adding to loss of time and effort and other monetary costs;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are aware that the MNCs and other have to install other expensive electricity sources giving a poor image to the Management of Power Sector in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : According to Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Department of information Technology, to overcome the problem of data loss due to power failure, National Informatics Center, has been providing UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) at its computer sites with suitable battery back-up.

The Government has planned to make the country self-sufficient in power by the year 2012. The following steps are being taken to achieve this target as well as to mitigate the shortage of power in the country and improve its reliability and quality:

(i) Renovation and Modernization (R&M) and life extension of existing old and inefficient generating units. Special funds under Accelerated Power Development Programme for undertaking R&R schemes are being provided to States.

(ii) Speedy implementation of Reforms & Restructuring in the Power Sector.

(iii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned generating units.

(iv) Reduction in transmission and Distribution losses.

(v) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vi) Demand side management.

(vii) Augmentation/Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network. (Special funds under the Accelerated Power Development Programme are being provided to States).

(viii) Maximization of inter-state and inter-regional power transfer by construction of transmission links and system improvement and finally leading to formation of the National Grid.

(ix) Captive Power - The Government of India, had advised the State Governments/State Electricity Boards to encourage setting up captive generation plants and to create an institutional mechanism which may allow captive power units an easy entry into the power sector by quickly clearing captive power applications, giving the developers a rational tariff for purchase of surplus power by the grid

and third party access for direct sale of power to other industrial units. Ministry of Power has circulated a captive power policy in July, 2001 to all the States and Union Territories.

(x) Many states have set up Electricity Regulatory Commissions to rationalize tariffs and improving the performance of utilities. These Commissions are also mandated to protect the interests of the consumers.